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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Singh, *et al.*

SERIAL NO.: 09/609,279

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FOR: **MULTIPLEXED DIFFERENTIAL DISPLACEMENT
FOR NUCLEIC ACID DETERMINATIONS**

EXAMINER: Fredman

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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated November 23, 2001 in the above-identified application, Applicants provide the following remarks.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office action dated November 23, 2001 are respectfully requested. Applicants petition the Commissioner for a 1-month extension of time. A separate petition accompanies this amendment.

I. Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-24 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being directed to an invention not patentably distinct from claims 1-40 of co-pending application no. 09/609,279.